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Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114 AND
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37 C.F.R. § 1.97 ET SEQ.

Applicant(s) herein make(s) available to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a copy of PTO-FB-A820 which lists the references cited by the applicant(s).

The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of these references in connection with the examination of the above-identified application in accord with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(a) and to indicate such by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-FB-A820 and listing the documents in the "References Cited" portion of any patent issuing from this application (M.P.E.P. § 1302.12).

References US 4,966,204, US 4,944,334 and FR 2030525 were cited in a search report in corresponding Application No. GB 0318437.1 (Great Britain). A copy of the Great Britain search report for corresponding Application No. GB 0318437.1 is also included as Reference 3 under Non-Patent Literature Documents.

References CN 1273556 and JP 10180492 were cited during the prosecution of corresponding Chinese patent application no. 2004800219649. Reference WO 99/19215 is being cited herewith as the counterpart of CN 1273556 that was cited by the Chinese Examiner.

References US 2004/060265 and WO 02/44669, WO 01/33176, WO 03/026965, WO 03/066436 and EP 1354795 were cited in the International Search Report of corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/GB04/003380. Reference WO 02/44669 was a "Y" reference (inventive step) and references WO 01/33176, WO 03/026965, WO 03/066436 and EP 1354795 were "A" references (general state of the art). The remaining references cited in the ISR were previously brought to the Examiner's attention in the original IDS filed with the application. Another copy of the PCT International Search Report is included for the Examiner's convenience.

The Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination and the fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) of \$810.00.

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Should there be any questions; the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned,

A prompt and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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